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VIENNA FOR US MISSION, IAEA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM TECH MNUC RO  
SUBJ: INVITATION TO ROMANIA TO JOIN INFCE  
REF: (A) BUCHAREST 4536 (B) STATE 133712 (C) STATE 133717

1. CHIEF OF MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT, ROMULUS NEAGU, TOLD  
CHARGE DURING DINNER AT BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON  
JULY 15TH THAT ROMANIA WISHED TO REPLY TO THE INFCE PROPOSAL  
BUT HAD QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE ACTIVITY  
WOULD TAKE PLACE. HIS INQUIRY BOILED DOWN TO (A) WHICH  
NATIONS HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR INVITATIONS, (B) WHAT SORT OF  
COMMITMENTS FOR JOINT RESEARCH WERE BEING SOUGHT BY THE U.S.,  
AND (C) WHAT WAS THE SPECIFIC NATURE AND AGENDA FOR THE INFCE  
PARTICIPANTS GENERAL MEETING PROPOSAL FOR THIS FALL?

2. COMMENT: ROMANIANS OBVIOUSLY ARE SHOPPING AROUND FOR  
BASIS ON WHICH TO JUDGE WHETHER THEIR PARTICIPATION IN INFCE  
PROGRAM WOULD FORECLOSE MANEUVERABILITY IN NUCLEAR POLICY  
QUESTIONS, OR EXCESSIVELY PREDETERMINE THE NATURE AND COURSE  
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OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS IN THIS AREA. WE DO NOT  
BELIEVE THAT THE CADRE OF ROMANIA OFFICIALS EXPERIENCED  
ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THESE KINDS OF QUESTIONS IS VERY LARGE,  
AND ARE NOT SURPRISED THAT THEY MAY BE TREADING WATER IN UN-  
FAMILIAR NEW CURRENTS. THE U.S. INITIATIVE, AFTER ALL, IS  
FIRST MAJOR CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF EMERGING U.S. NUCLEAR POLICIES  
OUTSIDE OF CLOSED CIRCLE OF LONDON SUPPLIERS CLUB. EVEN IN

CASE OF THE RELATIVELY ACCESSABLE NPT EXPORTERS GROUP (ZANGGER), ROMANIANS HAVE VOICED PERPLEXITY AT THE CATCH-22 SYNDROME BY WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO LEARN THE RULES OF MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT JOINING, AND YET ILLOGICAL TO JOIN WITHOUT KNOWING THE RULES. THERE IS ALSO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SELF-IMPOSED PROVINCIALITY WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR APPARENT FAILURE TO KEEP PACE WITH CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE IT REMAINS IN OUR INTEREST TO OFFER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF OUR POLICY INTERESTS AND COMMITMENTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT (A) PROVIDE COMPLETE LIST OF INFCE INVITEES FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOR; (B) INDICATE WHICH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MAY BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS INFCE IN EVENT IT SEEMS DESIRABLE FOR GOR AMBASSADOR NICOLAE TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION IN WASHINGTON; (C) INDICATE WHETHER US MISSION TO IAEA MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE SOURCE OF FURTHER INFORMATION ON INFCE FOR NEWLY ASSIGNED ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, OCTAVIAN GROZA; (GROZA'S FORMER POSITIONS IN MINISTRY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY COULD MAKE HIM USEFUL SECOND CHANNEL NOW AND IN FUTURE FOR TRANSMITTING NUCLEAR POLICY ISSUES TO ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP); AND (D) PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH LATEST ESTIMATE OF FALL MEETING DATE AND COMMENTS ON LIKELY ISSUES IN VIEW OF REPLIES RECEIVED BY NOW FROM OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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